

Faculty Senate Minutes
4:30-5:30 P.M.
30 July 2009

Members Present

Aram Hajian
Vahan Bournazian
Gurgen Khachatryan,
Melissa Brown
Garegin Gevorgyan
Lusine Galadjyan
Robert Agajeenian
Gagik Gabrielyan

Members Absent

*Varduhi Petrosyan
*Byron Crape
*Tom Samuelian
*Arman Vatyán
Hossein Farhady

* Indicates excused absence

Guests

Rebecca Carter

Faculty Senate Agenda:

30 July 2009

- Quorum Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- FS Meeting Schedule / General Assembly
- Executive Committee Report
- Ethics & Grievance Committee Report
- Committee on Extension Programs Report
- Curriculum Committee Report
 - DEP Proposal – Standardizing Admissions Process
- General Assembly Topics
- Other Business

MINUTES

1) Quorum Call

Quorum present

2) Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted by consensus (moved to adopt and seconded the motion with no objections).

3) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 25 June 2009 Faculty Senate meeting were adopted by consensus (moved to adopt, seconded the motion with no objections).

4) Faculty Senate Meeting Schedule – General Assembly

It was agreed by consensus that the General Assembly will be held in the fall near to the date of graduation and that the exact date will be decided by email.

5) Executive Committee

Nothing to report- Aram

6) Ethics & Grievance Committee

Nothing to report---Vahan

7) Committee on Extension Programs

Byron was not present to report.

8) Curriculum Committee

The School of Business and Management proposed and the Curriculum Committee approved some restructuring of its curriculum, principally making some past electives permanent courses on the curriculum.

The Curriculum Committee started discussions about changing to the Internet Based TOEFL (IBT) which is a more accurate test of an applicant's level of English and tests conversation skills. The CC will further research the issues and consider a schedule to switch over to the IBT.

o DEP Proposal – Standardizing Admissions Process

Up until now, applicants to the DEP have been admitted to a 1 year CETFL program, after which they reapply to continue as Masters Degree students (MATEFL). This proposal eliminates the old system and regularizes DEP admissions such that applicants apply directly to the 2 year MATEFL program. This makes the admissions process for the MATEFL the same as other AUA Master's Degrees. The CETFL is retained as a separate certificate program, but with a different curriculum.

After discussion of the benefits of the change, Vahan Bournazian moved and Lusine Galajyan seconded the motion to endorse the proposal and recommend it to the AUA President for implementation. The motion carried unanimously.

9) Topics for the General Assembly

Suggestions for topics for the General Assembly include:

- Presidential Search (the Chair is to write to request an update on the search for a new President and the information is to be shared with faculty at the General Assembly)
- English Language Testing: the Curriculum Committee has been discussing changing to a computerized TOEFL exam (IBT) which is more accurate. A review of the issues on this topic can be presented to faculty.
- Recruitment: Fall is the beginning of recruitment season and Rebecca could give an overview of AUA's plans, which would be important to spur on faculty involvement.

The Executive Committee will finalize the agenda and publicize it according to the Bylaws.

Other Business: None.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded without objection.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Vahan Bournazian.